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JANAB K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM :—" It is because I want justice to be done to Hindustani I want a poet laureate for that language."

Amount granted by way of relief to the cyclone-affected areas.

* 21 *Q.*—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount granted by the Government for relief in the cyclone-affected areas; and

(*b*) whether the amount has been distributed properly and in time?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue) :—

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" (*a*) Visakhapatnam	1,50,000
East Godavari	3,50,000
West Godavari	5,26,000
Krishna	5,39,000
Guntur	90,000
Total ...	16,55,000

" (*b*) Yes."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether there had been further demands from the districts for further relief? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There is a further demand for relief for a lakh of rupees from Guntur, and it will be considered on merits."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what the amount is that has been subscribed to the Governor's Relief Fund? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I do not know, Sir. I want notice."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government propose to give any interest-free loans towards relief; and may I know whether such loans are included in the relief already given? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Relief so far given is of the nature of grants. If any application is received for interest-free loan it will be considered."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if any application for interest-free loan recommended by the Collector of West Godavari has been received by the Government so far? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Notice."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Have the Government made a rule that Hon. Mr. Madhava Menon should answer all questions in this House? " (Laughter.)

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THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" Hon. Mr. Sitarama Reddi has written a letter to me stating that he has to be away from Madras to-day and so he will be unable to be present in the House to-day. So, Hon. Mr. Madhava Menon is answering questions on his behalf."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know the policy of the Government regarding the giving of interest-free loans?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is not a question of policy. In the case of cyclone-affected areas which require relief, each application will be considered on its merits."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, as the agricultural season is fast approaching, will the Government give interest-free loans?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" If applications are received, we may consider them favourably in the case of cyclone affected areas."

3 p.m. DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I request you to see that the office gives timely notice of the hour at which the House is to meet, as the hour changes very often. We never have full-time sitting on many days. We are given by grace two hours, one hour or even less. I came at 11 o'clock this morning thinking that the House would meet at that hour as usual, and went away. I request that the hour of commencement may be indicated in the list of questions for each day. I would also request you, Mr. Deputy Chairman, to see that, if the House meets at all, it transacts business for the whole day and not for one or two hours as a sort of recreation."

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" The budget programme of this House was communicated to the Members of this House in D.O. No. 8572/49-1, M.L., dated 12th November 1949. In that it was said that the House would meet after lunch on Monday, the 20th March 1950. Usually, the Supplementary Budget is presented to both Houses on the same day, to the Assembly in the morning and the Council in the afternoon. That is why we are meeting in the afternoon to-day."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) HOUSE COMMITTEE.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, I move—

'*that with reference to rule* 144 *of the Madras Council Rules, the House do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect six members to be members of the House Committee for the financial year* 1950–51.' "

The motion was put and carried.